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Applicants respectfully request consideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10-16, 19, and 20 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled. No new matter has been added. Therefore, claims 1-21 are present for examination.

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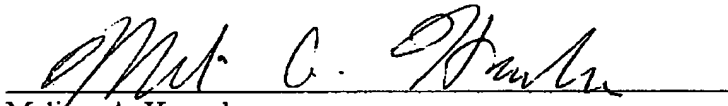
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**Insertions are underlined and deletions stricken****In The Title:**

Please change the title to:

~~Method and Apparatus for Selecting A Version Of An Entertainment Program Based On User Preference.~~

Method and Apparatus for Selecting from Multiple Versions of an Entertainment Program

In The Abstract:

Please delete the abstract in its entirety beginning on page 28, line 2 and insert the following paragraph:

~~A method and apparatus for selecting a version of an entertainment program based on user preference includes receiving entertainment programming input, identifying multiple available versions of an entertainment program, identifying, for each of the multiple versions, a set of descriptive information regarding the respective version, accessing user preferences, and selecting one of the multiple versions for display based on a comparison of the descriptive information to the user preference.~~

A method and apparatus for selecting from multiple versions of an entertainment program includes identifying multiple versions of a entertainment program that are available from one or more different sources. A selected one of the multiple versions of the entertainment program is displayed.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Once Amended) A method comprising:

receiving entertainment programming input;

identifying multiple available versions of an entertainment program;

identifying, for each of the multiple versions, a set of descriptive information regarding the respective version;

accessing user preferences; and

selecting one of the multiple versions for display based on the sets of descriptive information ~~a comparison of the descriptive information to the user preferences.~~
3. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least some of the multiple versions are provided on different transport media, the method further comprising:

identifying, for each of the one or more different channel transport media, a set of descriptive information regarding the channel transport medium; and

wherein selecting comprises selecting one of the multiple versions for display based on the sets of channel transport medium descriptive information ~~comparing the sets of channel transport medium descriptive information to the user preferences.~~
5. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein selecting comprises selecting the one of the multiple versions having the set of descriptive information most closely resembling a ~~the~~ set of user preferences.

6. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the descriptive information comprises a plurality of characteristics and wherein selecting comprises selecting the one of the multiple versions having the most number of characteristics that conform to a set of the user preferences.

8. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

identifying a user of an entertainment system;

accessing user preferences for the identified user;

and wherein selecting comprises selecting the one of the multiple versions for display based on a comparison of the sets of descriptive information to the user preferences ~~accessing user preferences comprises accessing a user preferences for the identified user.~~

10. (Once Amended) A storage medium having stored thereon a plurality of instructions that, when executed by a processor, result in:

receiving entertainment programming input;

identifying multiple available versions of an entertainment program;

identifying, for each of the multiple versions, a set of descriptive information regarding the respective version;

~~accessing user preferences;~~ and

selecting one of the multiple versions for display based on the sets of descriptive information ~~a comparison of the descriptive information to the user preferences.~~

11. (Once Amended) The storage medium of claim 10-9, wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed by the processor, further result in identifying multiple versions of the entertainment program that start within a threshold period of time of one another.

12. (Once Amended) The storage medium of claim 10-9, wherein at least some of the multiple versions are provided on different transport media, wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed by the processor, further result in:

identifying, for each of the one or more different channel transport media, a set of descriptive information regarding the channel transport medium; and

selecting one of the multiple versions for display based on the sets of channel transport medium descriptive information by comparing the sets of channel transport medium descriptive information to the user preferences.

13. (Once Amended) The storage medium of claim 10-9, wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed by the processor, further result in receiving a selection of an entertainment program and identifying alternate versions of the selected entertainment program.

14. (Once Amended) The storage medium of claim 10-9, wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed by the processor, further result in selecting the one of the multiple versions of the entertainment program having the set of descriptive information most closely resembling ~~a~~ the set of user preferences.

15. (Once Amended) The storage medium of claim 10-9, wherein the set of descriptive information for each of the multiple versions includes one or more of channel transport medium, duration of the version, type of audio support for the version, availability of enhanced programming for the version, language of subtitles in the version, language spoken in the version, screen format of the version, and color code of the version.

16. (Once Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a program guide controller to receive entertainment programming input;

a selection controller coupled to the program guide controller to identify multiple available versions of an entertainment program, to identify, for each of the multiple versions, a set of descriptive information regarding the respective version, ~~to access user preferences and to~~ select one of the multiple versions for display based on the sets of descriptive information ~~a comparison of the descriptive information to the user preferences; and~~

a device controller, coupled to the selection controller, to display the selected one of the multiple versions of the entertainment program.

19. (Once Amended) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein in selecting one of the multiple versions for display, the selection controller is to select the one of the multiple versions of the entertainment program having the set of descriptive information most closely resembling a ~~the~~ set of user preferences.

20. (Once Amended) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the descriptive information comprises a plurality of characteristics and wherein in selecting the selection controller is to

select the one of the multiple versions having the most number of characteristics that conform to
a set of the user preferences.

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